

Claude Matthews letters

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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
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Biographical Note

Claude Matthews was a graduate of Centre College, Danville, Kentucky. He married Martha Whitcomb, daughter of former Indiana Governor James Whitcomb. Matthews worked as a farmer and livestock breeder near Clinton, Vermillion County. Matthews was also a member of the Democratic Party, and served in the Indiana House of Representatives, Indiana Secretary of State, and as governor of Indiana (1893-1897).

Scope and Contents

The collection includes letters and a petition addressed to Governor Matthews regarding the coal miners' strike in southern Indiana, including communications from county sheriffs, Grand Army of the Republic posts, and miner's organizations (1894); correspondence regarding the Pullman Strike and rioting in Lake County (1894); and correspondence as governor regarding the determination of the Indiana-Kentucky border, the Indiana State Fair, the extradition of criminals, and other official matters. The collection also contains personal correspondence of Matthews and his wife (1882-1907); correspondence regarding a portrait of Governor James Whitcomb (1895); financial papers of Whitcomb (1836-1850); Matthews' political and patriotic speeches; his oration "Obligation of the world to literature," from Centre College (1867); and a fragment of a journal for sightseeing in southern California (ca. 1900).

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Corporate Name(s)

- Grand Army of the Republic (U.S.).
- Indiana State Fair Commission.

Geographic Name(s)

- California
- Indiana
- Kentucky

Personal Name(s)

- Riley, James Whitcomb (1849-1916)

Subject(s)

- Coal mines and mining
- Correspondence
- Financial statements
- Pullman Strike, 1894